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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chair of the Second Committee (A/C.2/66/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/66/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the provisional agenda of the sixty-sixth regular session of the Assembly (A/66/150), the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/66/250) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the addendum to the present note (A/C.2/66/L.1/Add.1), which will list the documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee.

Practices and working methods

4. The Second Committee, in implementing General Assembly resolution 58/316, in particular paragraphs 3 (c) and (d) of section C of the annex, shall utilize or expand the practice of interactive debates and the practice of "question time".

Length of statements

5. The General Assembly, in its decision 65/530, decided to maintain the current time limits of 7 minutes for individual Member States and 10 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general debate of the

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Second Committee. The Assembly also decided to maintain, as appropriate, the current time limits of 5 minutes for individual Member States and 7 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during debates on individual agenda items.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

6. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of six formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (North Lawn Building). In this connection, the Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

7. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, and as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Bureau members of the Committee so as to ensure full servicing of those consultations. In accordance with established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the level of informal "informal" consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators/facilitators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

8. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" should be considered in its entirety in plenary; however, it was clarified by the General Committee that the relevant parts of chapter I of the report that fall under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned for final action by the General Assembly (see A/59/250/Add.1, para. 4).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

9. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 23 November 2011 for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

Week of 12-16 September 2011

Thursday, 15 September

10 a.m.

Organization of work

Week of 3-7 October 2011

Monday, 3 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

General debate

Tuesday, 4 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

3-6 p.m.

Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions

Wednesday, 5 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

General debate (*concluded*)

Thursday, 6 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event (*to be determined*)

Friday, 7 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event (*to be determined*)

Week of 10-14 October 2011

Monday, 10 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Item 17: **Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(b) International financial system and development

(c) External debt sustainability and development

Tuesday, 11 October

3-6 p.m.

Side event (*to be determined*)

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 17 (b) and (c)

Wednesday, 12 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 24*: Operational activities for development:**

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(b) South-South cooperation for development

Thursday, 13 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 18*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference**

3-6 p.m.

***Item 18*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference: innovative mechanisms of financing for development**[1]

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 24

Friday, 14 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event (*to be determined*)

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 18

Week of 17-21 October 2011

Monday, 17 October[2]

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 22*: Groups of countries in special situations:**

(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing

[1] General Assembly resolution 65/146.

[2] There will be a lunchtime event on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Tuesday, 18 October

3-6 p.m.

Side event (*to be determined*)

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 22

Wednesday, 19 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 21*: Globalization and interdependence:**

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

(b) Science and technology for development

(c) Development cooperation with middle-income countries

Thursday, 20 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 23*: Eradication of poverty and other development issues:**

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

(b) Women in development

(c) Human resources development

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 21

Friday, 21 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event (*to be determined*)

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 23

Week of 24-28 October 2011

Monday, 24 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 25*: Agriculture development and food security**

Tuesday, 25 October

3-6 p.m.

Side event (*to be determined*)

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 25

Wednesday, 26 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Item 17: **Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(a) International trade and development

(d) Commodities

Thursday, 27 October [3]

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Item 16: **Information and communications technologies for development**

3-6 p.m.

Item 61: **Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 17 (a) and (d)

Friday, 28 October

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 16 and 61

Week of 31 October-4 November 2011

Monday, 31 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Item 19: **Sustainable development:**

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-sixth session

(h) Harmony with Nature

[3] There will be a lunchtime event on the occasion of World Food Day.

(i) Sustainable mountain development

(j) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy

Tuesday, 1 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 19*: Sustainable development and sub-items (a) to (j)** *(concluded)*

3-6 p.m.

***Item 20*: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

Wednesday, 2 November

3-6 p.m.

Side event *(to be determined)*

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 19 and 20

Thursday, 3 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 26*: Towards global partnerships**

***Item 135*: Programme planning**

Friday, 4 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event *(to be determined)*

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 26 and 135

Week of 7-11 November 2011

Monday, 7 November

United Nations holiday *(observed)*

Tuesday, 8 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

2011 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

Thursday, 10 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Friday, 11 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Week of 14-18 November 2011

Tuesday, 15 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Thursday, 17 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Friday, 18 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Week of 21-25 November 2011

Tuesday, 22 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 23 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on all outstanding items

***Item 121*: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly**[4]

Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee

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[4] The item is allocated to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work for the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly.